

Amendment to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at the top of page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/885,204, filed August 20, 2001. The present invention relates to an isolating plating medium ~~media~~ enabling the presumptive identification of *Salmonella* bacteria, and to methods of differentiating isolating *Salmonella* bacteria of a particular type from other bacteria in a plating medium.

Please replace the first complete paragraph on page 5 of the specification with the following paragraph:

It is also desirable to increase the production of precipitate from the chromogenic substrates by including an enhancer in the medium. The preferred embodiment of a plating medium according to the present invention includes the enhancer ~~Iso~~propylisopropyl-beta-D-thiogalactopyranoside. Other suitable enhancers are 1-O-Methylmethyl-beta-D-galactopyranoside, ~~Ethyl~~ethyl-beta-D-thiogalactopyranoside, and ~~Methyl~~methyl--beta-D-thiogalactopyranoside.